PHENYLDICHLOROARSINE



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Shipping Name: Arsenic compound, liquid, n.o.s.

Dichlorophenylarsine Other Names:

Phenylarsine dichloride

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- WARNING! POISON! BREATHING THE VAPOR, SWALLOWING THE MATERIAL OR SKIN CONTACT CAN KILL YOU! SKIN AND EYE CONTACT CAUSES SEVERE BURNS AND BLINDNESS!
 - Firefighting gear (including SCBA) provides NO protection. If exposure occurs, remove and isolate gear immediately and thoroughly decontaminate personnel

Hazards:

- Vapors are heavier than air and will collect and stay in low
- Container may BLEVE when exposed to fire
- Combustion products include toxic fumes of arsine and hydrogen chloride

Awareness and Operational Level Training Response:

- DO NOT ATTEMPT RESCUE!
- Stay upwind and uphill
- Determine the extent of the problem
- BACK OFF! Isolate a wide area around the release or fire, deny entry and call for expert help
- For container exposed to fire evacuate the area in all directions because of the risk of BLEVE
- Evacuate or shelter in place the immediate area and downwind for a large release
- Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies
- If material or contaminated runoff enters waterways, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated water

Description:

- Colorless to yellow liquid
- Weak, but very unpleasant odor
- Sinks in water and is insoluble in water
- Reacts slowly with water to form toxic hydrochloric acid
- Flammable
- Vapors are heavier than air and will collect and stay in low areas
- Freezes at -4° F

Operational Level Training Response:

RELEASE, NO FIRE:

- Stop the release if it can be done safely from a distance
- Prevent material and runoff from entering sewers and waterways if it can be done safely well ahead of the release
- Use large amounts of water to disperse vapors contain runoff
- Consider the application of foam to large areas of spilled liquid to control vapors
- Ventilate confined area if it can be done without placing personnel at risk
- If in a building, evacuate building and confine vapors by closing doors and shutting down HVAC systems FIRE:
- Approach fire with extreme caution; consider letting fire
- Material does not easily burn; fight surrounding fire with an agent appropriate for the burning material
- Cool exposed containers with large quantities of water from unattended equipment or remove intact containers if it can be done safely
- If cooling streams are ineffective (unvented container distorts, bulges or shows any other signs of expanding), withdraw immediately to a secure location

First Aid:

DO NOT ATTEMPT RESCUE!

- Provide Basic Life Support/CPR as needed
- Decontaminate the victim as follows:
 - ♦ Inhalation remove the victim to fresh air and give oxygen if available
 - Skin remove and isolate contaminated clothing (including shoes) and wash skin with soap and large volumes of water for 15 minutes
 - Eye rinse eyes with large volumes of water or saline for 15 minutes
 - Swallowed do not make the victim vomit
- Seek medical attention immediately
- Toxic effects may be delayed
- For skin burns decontaminate with water and apply a clean dry dressing
- Note to physician: if symptoms indicate, treatment is like that for arsine gas

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